

To prepare a long range management plan for Ka'u Reserve according to the Natural Area Partnership Program (NAPP) guidelines and rules.

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<b>Department:</b>	Land and Natural Resources	
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Chief Procurement Officer  
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**STATE OF HAWAII**  
**REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM CHAPTER 103D, HRS**

STATE PROCUREMENT OFFICE  
STATE OF HAWAII

TO: Chief Procurement Officer

FROM: DLNR/Division of Forestry and Wildlife

(Department/Division/Agency)

Pursuant to § 103D-102(b)(4), HRS, and Chapter 3-120, HAR, the Department requests a procurement exemption to purchase the following:

Description of goods, services, or construction:

To prepare a Long Range Management Plan for Ka'u Reserve according to the Natural Area Partnership Program (NAPP) guidelines and rules.

Name of Vendor: The Nature Conservancy  
 Address: 923 Nuuanu Ave  
 Honolulu, HI 96817

Cost:  
 \$15,000

Term of Contract:

From:

To:

March 1, 2004

June 30, 2004

Prior Exemption Ref. No. (if applicable)

Explanation describing how procurement by competitive means is either not practicable or not advantageous to the State:

The Nature Conservancy(TNC)has submitted a pre-proposal to the Natural Area Reserve System Commission (NARSC) proposing the addition of a Ka'u Reserve into the Natural Area Partnership Program(NAPP). NARSC reviewed the pre-proposal and authorized the Department to enter into negotiations to cover the costs and development of a management plan for the reserve. The Nature Conservancy is the only entity that can accurately produce a management plan for the area because they have complete ownership over the land, experience in the area, and the infrastructure and trained manpower to complete the task.TNC is also providing a match for the cost of the management plan preparation.

Details of the process or procedure to be followed in selecting the vendor to ensure maximum fair and open competition and practicable:

Because this project can only be accomplished on private land owned by the Nature Conservancy and for the reasons listed above, a sole source exemption is requested.

A description of the agency's internal controls and approval requirements for the exempted procurement:

The NARSC and Chairperson has reviewed the pre-proposal submitted by TNC and authorized the Department to enter into negotiations to cover the costs and development of a management plan for the reserve. (attached) A Purchase Order will be completed by the Natural Resources Program Manager and submitted to the DOFAW administrator for review and approval and then to the Department Fiscal Officer for further review and final approval.

A list of agency personnel, by position title, who will be involved in the approval process and administration of the contract:

Michael G. Buck, Administrator - Division of Forestry and Wildlife  
Randy Kennedy, Native Resources Program Manager  
Matt Ramsey, NARS Research Assistant

Direct questions to:

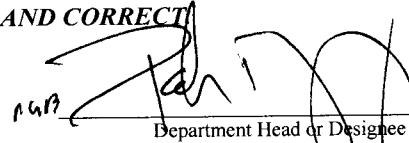
Matt Ramsey

Phone Number:

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This exemption should be considered for list of exemptions attached to Chapter 3-120, HAR: Yes ☐ No ☐

**I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE IS, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE,  
TRUE AND CORRECT.**

  
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Department Head or Designee

FEB 17 2004

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Date

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Title (If other than Department Head)

Chief Procurement Officer's Comments:

Please ensure adherence to applicable administrative requirements.

☐ APPROVED

☐ DISAPPROVED

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Chief Procurement Officer

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Date

cc: Administrator,  
State Procurement Office



STATE OF HAWAII  
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Peter T. Young, Chairperson  
Board of Land and Natural Resources

FROM: Randall W. Kennedy  
Native Resources Program Manager, Division of Forestry and Wildlife

THROUGH: Michael G. Buck, Administrator  
Division of Forestry and Wildlife *MG Buck*

DATE: January 16, 2004

SUBJECT: Request To Approve Pre-Proposal for Participation in the Natural Area Partnership Program for 4 Parcels in Ka'u

The Nature Conservancy submitted a written pre-proposal (undated) for participation of four parcels totaling approximately 3,500 acres in the Ka'u District of the Big Island in the Natural Area Partnership Program (Ka'u Pre-proposal). In addition, The Nature Conservancy presented the proposal at the January 12, 2004 Natural Area Reserves System Commission meeting.

NARS staff reviewed the Ka'u proposal considering the criteria stated in Hawaii Administrative Rules section 13-210-7(c):

- (1) *Statewide significance of natural resources protected, including whether the resources are protected elsewhere in the State*

The four parcels proposed for participation in the Natural Area Partnership Program lie in the southeast portion of Mauna Loa (eastern side of the Southwest Rift Zone) on the island of Hawai'i. Statewide, this region is surpassed only by East Maui in the number of different types of ecosystems present. Considering all of its nine ecosystems, the southeast region of Mauna Loa is home to more

extant, endemic species of flowering plants (178 species) than any other region of the Big Island. Its mesic and wet forest ecosystems alone support 153 of these plant species, of which 14 are endangered. These largely intact mesic and wet forests also support one of the richest assemblages of endangered forest birds remaining in the State.

The four parcels, owned by The Nature Conservancy, include approximately 3,500 acres of lowland wet forest; montane wet forest; wet cliffs; and montane mesic forest.

*(2) Feasibility of project accomplishment*

The Ka'u Pre-proposal requests that Natural Area Partnership Program funding will be used to conduct surveys of ungulates and invasive plants; to reduce ungulate populations through fencing, trapping and hunting; to eliminate movement of cattle into the forest from lower elevation agricultural lands; to prevent the spread of habitat-modifying weeds; to conduct rare plant surveys; to provide and support management-oriented research; to implement a community based volunteer program; and to develop a site based environmental education program. Based on The Nature Conservancy's record in Hawai'i, the opportunities for partnership, and the nature of the projects proposed, accomplishment appears feasible.

*(3) Public benefits*

Public benefits include the protection and management of native forest within the Ka'u watershed. Threats to the integrity of this forest and watershed will be mitigated. Public access to this forest has been very limited and the potential exists for increased opportunities for public access into this area for recreation, management assistance, and environmental education. Finally, the creation of the first Natural Area Partnership Program preserve on the Big Island could encourage other private landowners owning property with significant natural resources to apply for participation in the program.

*(4) Partnerships with other organizations.*

The Nature Conservancy states that it intends to conduct conservation management actions over the subject parcels in partnership with three other principal landowners in the area, including the State of Hawai'i, Kamehameha Schools, and the National Park Service. This cooperation could result in the formation of a new Ka'u Watershed Partnership.

On January 12, 2004, the Natural Area Reserves System Commission voted unanimously to recommend that the Department approve the Ka'u Pre-proposal, request The Nature Conservancy to prepare a detailed six-year management plan, and

authorize the spending of up to \$15,000 in State funds from the Natural Area Reserves Special Fund as matching funds for preparation of a six-year management plan.

RECOMMENDATION:

Pursuant to Chapter 195D, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) and Chapter 13-210, Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) and after consideration of the criteria contained in HAR 13-210-7(c); it is recommended that the chairperson:

1. Approve the Ka'u Pre-proposal for Participation in the Natural Area Partnership Program;
2. Request the Nature Conservancy to prepare a detailed six-year management plan as outlined in HAR 13-201-8 for the Ka'u parcels within eight weeks from the date of this approval; and
3. Authorize the use of matching funding of two-thirds of the total cost for the preparation of the management plan, with a maximum total reimbursement level of \$15,000.

☒ APPROVED

☐ DISAPPROVED

By: 

PETER T. YOUNG, Chairperson  
Board of Land and Natural Resources

Date: FEB 3 2004